

Torrance, California  
March 8, 1949

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF  
THE CITY OF TORRANCE

The City Council of the City of Torrance convened in a Regular Meeting in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Torrance, California, on Tuesday, March 8, 1949, at 8:04 p.m.

Mayor Sherfey called the meeting to order.

Clerk Bartlett called the roll, those answering present being Councilmen: Haggard, Jackson and Sherfey. Absent: Councilmen: Drale and Powell.

All those present in the Council Chamber saluted the Flag.

Mayor Sherfey suggested that a recess be declared to await the arrival of Councilman Drale.

Councilman Haggard moved that the meeting proceed in the absence of Councilman Drale. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Haggard moved that the Minutes of a Regular Meeting held February 23, 1949 be approved as written. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

Mayor Sherfey announced that the time has arrived for opening bids for the management of the Torrance Municipal Airport.

Clerk Bartlett proceeded to open and read the following bids:

Collins-Dietrich Air Services, Inc.  
11741 Jefferson Blvd.  
Culver City, California

PROPOSAL

Alternate "B": Fifteen percent (15%) of Gross Sales, less all Gas & Oil sales. The management agrees to conform with the one cent per gallon to the City of Torrance as outlined in paragraph 5, page 6 of the Airport Agreement as offered on February 17, 1949.

IMPROVEMENTS

1st year - - - - -	\$2000.00
2nd year less rehabilitation of National Guard Bldg.	1000.00
Including " " " "	2000.00
3rd, 4th and 5th years approximately per year	1000.00

A Certified Check in the amount of \$1000.00 accompanied the bid.

Elvan Y. Tarkington  
Torrance Municipal Airport  
Route 1, Box 21  
Lomita, California

PROPOSAL

Alternate "B": That percentage of all "gross revenues" from the Airport set forth in Paragraph 2 on Pages 4 and 5 of the bidder's proposed Lease, hereto attached:

The rental to be paid to the Lessor for the premises shall be Twenty-Five per cent (25%) of the gross revenues derived from the demised premises, with the

exception of income from the sale of gasoline and oil, on which the payment to be made to Lessor shall be as follows:

- (1) On wholesale sales of gasoline and oil, no payment shall be due or owing to Lessor.
- (2) On retail sales of gasoline, the payment to Lessor shall be one cent (1¢) per gallon for each gallon sold.
- (3) On retail sales of oil, the payment to Lessor shall be five cents (5¢) for each gallon sold.

All revenue from subleases, assignments or other agreements is to be regarded as "gross revenue" for the purpose of computing the rental moneys due Lessor as hereinbefore stated.

#### IMPROVEMENTS

The bidder will install all those improvements and fulfill all maintenance requirements set forth in Paragraphs 18 and 19 on Pages 13, 14 and 15 of the proposed Lease, hereto attached.

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George E. Batchelor  
Arrow Airways  
Torrance Municipal Airport  
Torrance, California

#### PROPOSAL

##### Alternate "A":

##### ITEM

1. 25 per cent of gross revenues from tie-down fees.
2. 75 per cent of gross returns from aviation sales.
3. 2 per cent of gross returns from aviation maintenance service.
4. 2 per cent of gross returns from flying schools.
5. 25 per cent of lease rentals for aviation activities.
6. 25 per cent of lease rentals from non-aviation activities.

#### IMPROVEMENTS

1st year - - - - -	\$2965.00
2nd year - - - - -	300.00
3rd year with cooperation from the Civil Aeronautics administration the control tower will be placed in operation.	
4th and 5th years - - - - -	2800.00

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Councilman Jackson moved that the bids for the Management of the Torrance Municipal Airport be referred to the Council as a whole for further study. Councilman Haggard seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

### WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

A communication from Parker Lund was read requesting use of the Civic Auditorium on the night of March 26, 1949, for the purpose of holding a dance, featuring a well-known orchestra.

Councilman Haggard moved that the letter be referred to the Council for study and investigation.

Clerk Bartlett explained that Mr. Lund is a booking agent for orchestras and is booking this one as an individual, and advised that the Auditorium is not engaged for that night.

Councilman Haggard withdrew his prior motion, and moved that Mr. Lund be granted use of the Civic Auditorium on the night of March 26, 1949. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

A communication from the Chamber of Commerce was read informing that there has been a marked increase of solicitors collecting funds in the City for enterprises that appear to be questionable, resulting in many complaints from our citizens. It was requested that the Council take appropriate steps to control this type of enterprise.

Councilman Jackson moved that the request of the Chamber of Commerce be referred to Chief Stroh and City Manager Stevens for their recommendation. Councilman Haggard seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

A communication from the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors was read advising that a resolution was adopted by said Board on February 23rd authorizing an appropriation of \$112,500.00, from the County Motor Vehicle Fund, for the improvement of Western Avenue within the City of Torrance. Matter of record.

A communication from City Manager Stevens was read submitting the following recommendations for the Council's consideration and approval:

#### PERSONNEL:

1. That James W. Crowther, having successfully passed his Civil Service examination, be appointed to serve his probationary term as Auto Equipment Mechanic, effective February 16, 1949, at a compensation of \$242.00 per month.
2. That Milton T. Langum, having successfully passed his Civil Service examination, be appointed to serve his probationary period as Engineer in the Fire Department, effective March 16, 1949, and that his compensation be at the rate of \$277.00 per month.
3. That Francis O. Stevens be temporarily employed as a Bus Operator, effective February 19, 1949, and that his compensation be at the rate of \$221.00 per month.

#### APPROPRIATIONS:

1. For the purchase of globes for street lights, the sum of \$630.00, plus tax. This is a budget item.
2. For the purchase of time-clock and cards for City Garage, the sum of \$85.00.
3. That a fire hydrant be installed at the corner of 203rd Street and Madrid Avenue, in accordance with the recommendation of the Fire Chief.

MISCELLANEOUS:

1. That the Griffith Company be granted a thirty (30) day extension from March 10, 1949, to complete work on Border Avenue and Monte D'Oro, due to unfavorable weather conditions.
2. That the American Legion Baseball Tournament contract be extended for a period of one year, in accordance with the recommendation of the Recreation Commission. That the entry fee to the Tournament be fixed at \$10.00.
3. That bids be invited for the construction of a metal garage and shop building, approximately 50' x 100', estimated cost -- \$12,500.00. Funds to be allocated from Public Improvements budget.
4. That the City Attorney be authorized to dismiss the case City of Torrance vs. Barnard, without prejudice, inasmuch as Mr. Barnard has removed the dike.

Councilman Jackson moved that the Council concur in the recommendations of City Manager Stevens. Councilman Haggard seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Haggard, Jackson and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Drale and Powell.

A communication from John R. Patrick, Secretary of the Torrance Planning Commission, was read advising that at a meeting of the Commission held March 1, 1949 the following was approved:

CASE NO. 157: Petition of California Water Service Company for a Variance from Land Use Ordinance No. 316, to permit the erection of a  $\frac{1}{2}$  million gallon, steel, water-storage tank on property described as Lots 8, 9 and 10, Block C, Tract No. 10304, located on Paseo de las Estrellas between Via Monte D'Oro and Calle Miramar. This property is now zoned R-1 (Single-family Residential).

The above named Variance was approved under the agreement, between the Planning Commission and representatives of the California Water Service Company, that said lots occupied by the water tanks would be fenced and landscaped by the California Water Service Company.

Clerk Bartlett presented for final reading and read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 447

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY  
OF TORRANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 376 AND  
RESCINDING THE FRANCHISE THEREIN GRANTED.

Councilman Jackson moved that further reading of Ordinance No. 447 be dispensed with. Councilman Haggard seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Haggard, Jackson and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Drale and Powell.

Councilman Jackson moved that Ordinance No. 447 be adopted for final reading. Councilman Haggard seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Haggard, Jackson and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Drale and Powell.

City Manager Stevens presented for adoption a resolution, submitted by the Parents' Association of the Child Care Centers of Torrance, favoring the continuation of the Child Care Program.

Clerk Bartlett read in full:

RESOLUTION NO. 1963

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
TORRANCE URGING THE CONTINUATION OF THE CHILD  
CARE PROGRAM ADMINISTERED BY THE STATE BOARD  
OF EDUCATION.

Councilman Jackson moved that Resolution No. 1963 be adopted. Councilman Haggard seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Haggard, Jackson and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Drale and Powell.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Patronski of Hollywood Riviera explained that his community is suffering a hardship because of the lack of adequate transportation, the service at present consisting of three trips per day, three hours apart, and urged the Council to give this problem their consideration.

Commander Mason, President of the Hollywood Riviera Homeowners Association stated that he understood the Bus Manager had recommended to the Council that the service to Hollywood Riviera be increased.

City Manager Stevens explained that the question of increased transportation was discussed by the City Council and Bus Manager Chamberlain at an Agenda Meeting and approval was given to the proposed rerouting of local busses. Thus, the service to Hollywood Riviera would be increased from three trips per day to one bus every hour and ten minutes; the service to begin as soon as the Bus Manager could effect the change.

Mrs. F. J. Farrell, Vice-President, Torrance Terrace Garden Club, requested use of the Civic Auditorium on May 20 and 21, 1949, free of charge, for the purpose of holding their Third Annual Flower Show.

City Manager Stevens advised that this request was granted by the Council at their Agenda Meeting.

Councilman Jackson moved that all bills properly audited be paid. Councilman Haggard seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Haggard, Jackson and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Drale and Powell.

At 8:41 p.m., upon motion by Councilman Jackson, seconded by Councilman Haggard, and unanimously carried, the meeting adjourned.

*A. H. Bartlett*

CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE

APPROVED:

*J. Hugh Sherfey Jr.*  
MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE